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Closure of the Eastern Section of the South Peninsula District to Tanner Crab Fishing

Emergency Order No. 4-S-7-13

All remaining open waters of the Eastern Section of the South Peninsula District will close to Tanner crab fishing at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 26, 2013. Catch reports indicate total harvest will approach survey estimates of allowable Tanner crab surplus. Further harvest is not warranted to protect the long-term health of the Tanner crab stock.

All pots within the Eastern Section of the South Peninsula District must be open and unbaited at the time of the closure. Unbaited pots may be stored in the closed area at any depth for seven days. After seven days, all pots remaining in the closed area must be removed from the water or placed in waters less than 25 fathoms deep.

Vessel operators are required to deliver all catch within 24 hours of the closure. After delivery pots may be retrieved at any time.

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